

R E M A R K S**A. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 40-74 are allowed.

Upon entry of this Amendment:

- Claims 40-74 will be pending
- Claims 40, 42, 43, 73 and 74 will be amended
- Claims 40, 69, 70, 73 and 74 will be the only independent claims

B. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the appropriate fee, is being filed concurrently to ensure consideration of these remarks and the Information Disclosure Statement, also filed concurrently.

C. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to update the status of four referenced applications. Applicants have also amended the reference information for stylistic reasons. No new matter has been added.

D. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Applicants have amended Claims 40, 42, 43, 73 and 74, without prejudice, solely for business reasons and in order to recite particular desirable embodiments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the claims as they stood at any time prior to this Amendment.

No new matter is provided with this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration and supplemental allowance of the pending claims.

E. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE APPROPRIATE FEES

Applicants do not believe that any fees are necessary for this response.

Please grant a petition for any extension of time required to make this Response timely. Please also charge any other appropriate fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 – 1.18 for this paper and for any accompanying papers to:

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F. CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael Downs at telephone number (203) 438-6408 or via electronic mail at mdowns@finchamdowns.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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